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NOTE VERBALE DATED 29 MARCH 1994 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 21 and 28 March 1994, there appear to have been 20 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as the annex to this note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,556.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(21 - 28 March 1994)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
1559	21 Mar	09.20	11.45	This flight began as an approved MEDEVAC of a white and blue MI-8 helicopter (Tail No. H-213) with a red cross, from Divulje to Nova Bila. It became a violation when, on inspection by UNPROFOR personnel, 27 people embarked at Nova Bila and only 17 passenger disembarked at Divulje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Unknown Low Slow
1560	21 Mar	10.54	11.14	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a white and dark blue Gazelle, with "Milicia" written in Cyrillic on the fuselage, take off at Zaluzani. NATO fighter aircraft made momentary radar contact with the helicopter heading south. United Nations Military Observers personnel observed it land again at Zaluzani. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South Low Slow
1561	21 Mar	11.22	11.37	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a dark green Gazelle, (serial number 12924), take off at Zaluzani. AWACS made radar contact, and NATO fighter aircraft made momentary visual contact with this helicopter, flying at very low altitude, heading southwest, then reversing back towards the airfield. United Nations Military Observers personnel observed this helicopter land again at Zaluzani. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Southwest then northeast Very low Slow
1562	21 Mar	14.45	14.50	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white and blue MI-8 helicopter with red cross (Tail No. T9-HAG), land on a football ground at Tuzla. The helicopter departed a few minutes later heading southwest. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Southwest Low Slow
1563	22 Mar	07.17	07.18	UNPROFOR personnel observed a grey and white helicopter flying 5 kilometres east of Vares heading north. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Low Slow
1564	22 Mar	09.55	09.56	UNPROFOR personnel observed a camouflage pattern Hughes 500 helicopter flying near Medugorje heading southeast. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Southeast Low Slow
1565	22 Mar	10.06	10.07	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white helicopter with blue markings flying 15 kilometres northeast of Gorni Vakuf. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Low Slow
1566	22 Mar	13.13	13.18	AWACS made radar contact with a track 15 kilometres southeast of Derventa heading south. Radar contact was lost 12 kilometres north of Zepce. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South Unknown 100 Kts

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1567	22 Mar	13.57	14.03	AWACS made radar contact with a track 17 kilometres southeast of Posusje heading northeast. Contact was lost in the vicinity of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Northeast Unknown 130 Kts
1568	23 Mar	09.00	12.45	This flight began as an UNPROFOR approved MEDEVAC of an olive green MI-8 helicopter from Pale to Zvornik. It became a violation when it deviated from its approved flight path by returning to Pale one hour after flying to an unknown destination. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Low Slow
1569	23 Mar	11.10	11.20	United Nations Military Observers personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter (Tail No. T9HAD) landing at Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Landing Low Slow
1570	24 Mar	09.53	10.05	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 15 kilometres southwest of Tuzla heading west. NATO fighter aircraft lost contact when the helicopter landed in the area of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Southwest 3,000 Ft Slow
1571	24 Mar	10.00	14.50	This flight began as an UNPROFOR approved MEDEVAC of an olive green MI-8 helicopter from Pale to Zvornik. It became a violation when it deviated from its approved flight path by returning to Pale four hours after flying to an unknown destination. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Low Slow
1572	24 Mar	12.26	12.27	UNPROFOR personnel observed a grey and white helicopter flying 2 kilometres east of Vares heading south. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South Low Slow
1573	25 Mar	08.42	08.52	AWACS made radar contact 20 kilometres northwest of Brcko heading northwest. Contact was lost 30 kilometres northwest of Brcko. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Northwest Unknown 120 Kts
1574	25 Mar	09.23	09.24	UNPROFOR personnel observed a Gazelle with camouflage colours flying over Banja Luka Military Hospital heading south and very low. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South Low Slow
1575	25 Mar	09.43	09.48	AWACS made radar contact 70 kilometres southwest from Banja Luka, heading northwest. NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a green Gazelle that landed at Ostrelj (70 kilometres southwest of Banja Luka). The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Northwest 2,500 Ft 150 Kts
				[26 March: no violations reported]	

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1576	27 Mar	12.30	13.35	This flight began as an UNPROFOR approved MEDEVAC of a green MI-8 helicopter with a red cross, from Banja Luka to Knin. It became a violation when it deviated from its approved flight path by not returning to Banja Luka. The helicopter took off from Knin without picking up any patients and flew to an unknown location (probably Udbina). The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Southwest Low Slow
1577 1578	28 Mar	08.15	11.40	These flights began as UNPROFOR approved MEDEVACS of two white MI-8 helicopters with blue stripes and red crosses from Divulje to Kiseljak. They became violations when United Nations Military Observers in Kiseljak were denied access to the helicopters to inspect the flights and cargo. 41 passengers were manifested but a total of 63 emerged in Kiseljak, including one soldier in uniform. 15 boxes were off-loaded from the helicopters. United Nations Military Observers were not allowed to inspect these boxes and they were not noted by European Community Monitoring Mission (ECMM) inspectors in Split. The unauthorized flight of these helicopters occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Landing Low Slow